

Minutes of the 87th Meeting of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Republic of Uzbekistan

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Ashgabat

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Agenda

- 1) Results of the use of water withdrawal limits/quotas and the operation regimes of reservoirs in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya River basins during the growing season 2024.
- 2) Approval of the country water withdrawal limits and forecast operation regimes of the reservoir cascades in the Syr Darya and Amu Darya River basins for the non-growing season 2024-2025.
- 3) Progress on the tasks set at the summits of the Heads of IFAS Founder States.
- 4) Additional issues.
- 5) Agenda and venue of the regular 88th ICWC meeting.

Decision on the first item:

1. Take into consideration the reports by BWO Amu Darya and BWO Syr Darya on the results of the use of water withdrawal limits and the operation regimes of reservoir cascades in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya River basins during the growing season 2024.

2. Taking into account the water level in the Bakhri Tojik reservoir from June 11 to August 31, 2024, the Tajik party fulfilled its obligations under the Protocol of the working meeting of the Tajik, Kazakh and Uzbek parties on harmonization of the operation schedule of the Bakhri Tojik reservoir for the period between June-August 2024. In this context, BWO Syr Darya shall make appropriate amendments to the submitted report on the results of the use of limits and operation regimes of reservoir cascades in the Syr Darya River basin during the growing season 2024.

Decision on the second item:

1. Approve water withdrawal limits in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya River basin for non-growing season 2024-2025 (Appendices 1-2).

2. Take into consideration the forecast operation regimes of reservoir cascades proposed by BWO Amu Darya and BWO Syr Darya for non-growing season 2024-2025 (Appendices 3-4).

Decision on the third item:

1. Acknowledge the work done by ICWC executive bodies in implementing the proposals and initiatives put forward by the Heads of IFAS Founder States at the Summits in Turkmenbashi (2018) and Dushanbe (2023).

2. ICWC members and executive bodies shall submit the updated information on fulfillment of the tasks set at the IFAS summits by the next meetings, with special emphasis put on strengthening regional cooperation mechanisms.

Decision on the fourth item:

1. Take into consideration the information provided by the Chairman of EC IFAS on progress on the EC IFAS activity, as well as on holding the 13th meeting (December 12-13, 2024) of the Working Group on Institutional and Legal Improvement of IFAS and the need to strengthen its activity .

Decision on the fifth item:

1. Hold the regular 88th ICWC meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
2. The date of the regular ICWC meeting shall be agreed in working order.

Propose the following agenda for the 88th ICWC meeting:

- 1) The use of water withdrawal limits and the operation regimes of reservoirs in the Amu Darya and Syr Darya River basins during the non-growing season 2024-2025.
- 2) Progress on the fulfillment of tasks set by the Heads of IFAS Founder States at the IFAS summits.
- 3) Additional issues.
- 4) Agenda and venue of the regular 89th meeting.

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